

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Don Danforth, III, co-founder and president of City Academy in St. Louis, Missouri, who is being honored with the Stellar Performance in Education Award from the St. Louis American Foundation; and

Whereas, Don Danforth, III is the past recipient of the Community Leadership Award from the St. Louis Bar Foundation; the Opportunity Maker Award from Boys Hope Girls Hope; the St. Louis Emerging Leaders Award from CORO Leadership Center-St. Louis; the Community Champion Award from Area Resources for Community & Human Resources; the MOKAN Outstanding Service Award; the Bill Maritz Award from Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club; the Princeton Award from the Princeton Club of St. Louis; 40 under 40 from the "St. Louis Business Journal"; the I Dare You Leadership Award from the American Youth Foundation; and the Outstanding Volunteer Tutor Award from the Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club; and

Whereas, City Academy, a private, independent pre-kindergarten-through-sixth-grade school in North St. Louis offering children a rigorous college preparatory education at an affordable cost that relies on financial support from the St. Louis community, was established in 1999 to serve families seeking a challenging curriculum, low student-teacher-ratios, and high expectations of students and faculty; and

Whereas, City Academy grew out of Don Danforth, III's experience with Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club, where he began volunteering in 1989 (while working for Ralston Purina Company) and where he ultimately took charge of the Club's educational programs, when he came to understand the lack of educational opportunities for children in the City of St. Louis and conceived the idea of creating an educational facility in the City that would provide an opportunity for St. Louis children to have the same level of educational experience found in many of the best schools in the surrounding area; and

Whereas, Don Danforth, III holds a bachelor of arts degree in English writing and history from St. Lawrence University, and he has been actively involved in the St. Louis community ever since graduating, serving on the Board of the American Youth Foundation, the Board of Mary Institute-St. Louis Country Day School, and Teach for America's St. Louis Advisory Board; and

Whereas, Don Danforth, III is the devoted husband of Susannah Webb Danforth and the loving father of Carolyn St. John Danforth, Donald Danforth, IV, Charles Ross Danforth, and Henley Upham Danforth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Don Danforth, III, on the illustrious occasion of his being honored with Stellar Performance in Education Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Don Danforth, III, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Jane Cunningham
District No. 86

Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker